

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
U.S. Appln. No. 10/807,394

REMARKS

Claims 1-8, 10-17 and 19-20 are all the claims pending in the application. Applicants cancel claims 9 and 18 by way of this Amendment.

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 1-5 and 13-15 are allowed, and that claims 9, 10 and 18 contain patentable subject matter.

The Examiner has not indicated approval or objection to the drawings filed with the Application on March 24, 2004. Applicants request approval of the drawings with the next Office paper.

In an effort to expedite prosecution of this application, Applicants amend independent claims 6 and 16 to incorporate the patentable subject matter of claims 9 and 18, respectively, and cancel claims 9 and 18 accordingly. These amendments are made to place the claims into condition for allowance.

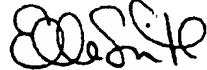
Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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